

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A recording/reproduction apparatus ~~that is capable of~~ effectively and efficiently ~~making use of~~ utilizes a large-quantity information signal recorded onto a recording medium and efficiently utilizing the recording medium for recording the information signal. In a process to record a video signal onto the recording medium [[8]], a video classification process unit [[5]] employed in the recording/reproduction apparatus recognizes similar pictures of the video signal, classifies pictures of the signal into similar-picture segments each including similar pictures and classifies the similar-picture segments into groups each including similar-picture segments resembling each other. Then, the recording/reproduction apparatus displays a picture as a thumbnail picture for each of the similar-picture segments on a classification display unit [[19]]. ~~By viewing a tabular display of such thumbnail pictures, contents of the video signal recorded on the recording medium 8 can be grasped effectively and with a high degree of efficiency.~~